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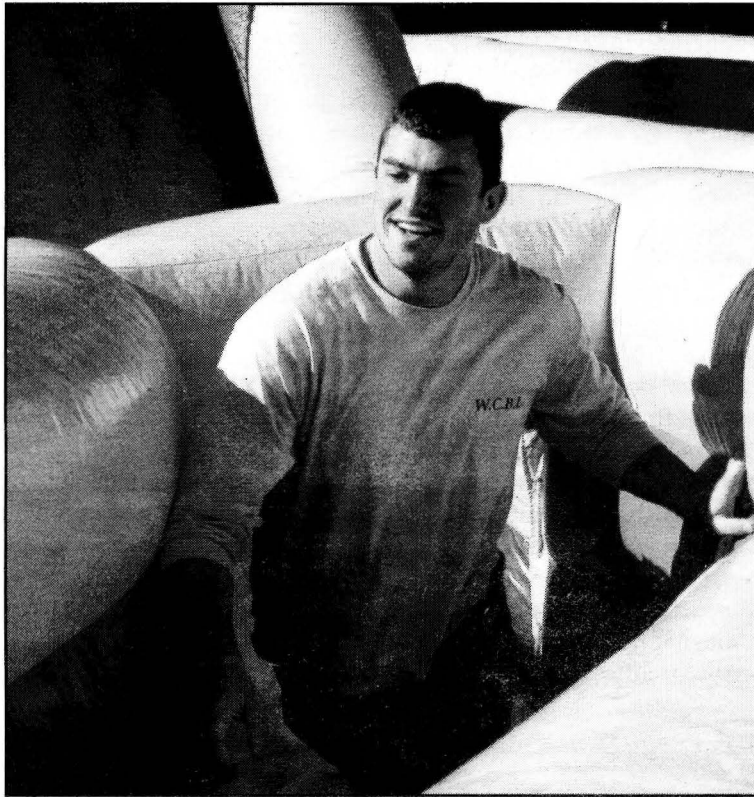
Commuter Appreciation Week celebrates off-campus students with activities on Quadrangle, raffle prizes

BY HENSLEY CARRASCO
News Editor

As students walked to and from classes yesterday afternoon, some took the time to detour through the inflated obstacle course on the Quadrangle courtesy of the University of Rhode Island's Student Senate External Affairs Committee.

Starting out as an idea pitched by Katrina Dorsey, coordinator of student life for off-campus living, Commuter Appreciation Week is planned to span of this past Tuesday, Wednesday and upcoming Friday. The "week," sponsored by the Mews Tavern and Midas, began with a boulder dash event, which involved students running through an inflated obstacle course filled with "boulders."

On Friday, the external affairs committee plans to have a combination bungee



Teresa Kelly | Cigar

Senior communications major Kyle Pinus races around the inflatable obstacle course as part of Commuter Appreciation Week on the Quadrangle yesterday afternoon.

and rock wall from 9 to 11 a.m.

The week is aimed at providing students who live off-campus with a way to come together and meet one another.

Student Senate Secretary Tanya Jones said the event was also a good way to give information to commuters about off-campus housing. Students were able to receive off-campus housing information, as well as enter into a commuter-only raffle.

"I think this was a great way to have students come out," Student Senate Secretary Tanya Jones said. "[It's a] nice way to network with other people who commute."

Nicole Labate, an external affairs member, said in addition to having a large number of students attend the obsta-

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Senate talks tuition hike

BY HENSLEY CARRASCO
News Editor

The Student Senate is currently planning methods to express its disapproval of the recent Rhode Island Board of Governor's decision to increase university tuition.

During Tuesday night's Rhode Island Board of Governors meeting, it was voted to increase the in-state and out-of-state tuitions for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College (RIC) and the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI). The increase means, for URI, a 9.5 percent rise for in-state and a 2 percent rise for out-of-state tuition.

Student Senate President David Coates said he attended and spoke at the meeting. The increase passed with a 9-1 decision, with the only nay,

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URI yearbook adds social media features

BY BROOKE CONSTANCE WHITE
News Reporter

The University of Rhode Island yearbook staff is keeping up with the newest social media by adding some new features to the yearbook this year, including accepting 140 characters "chirps."

"These are like 'tweets' from friends and family as a 'shout-out' to students that will be put in the back of the book," Co-Editor in Chief Joe Teitz said.

They decided to add some new features to the yearbook this year to make it as personal as possible, Teitz said.

Students are able to upload their own candid pictures to a website that could then be added to the yearbook.

"We really wanted to make the yearbook personal and since we can't get pictures of everyone, we decided the best way to do that is to have students send their own photos in," Teitz said. "Everyone

wants to see their picture in the yearbook, even if they aren't seniors, and we figured this was the best way to try and make that possible."

He says that they never have quite enough room for all of the student groups to have their own page but they try to get as much in as possible.

Some of the other features added this year include providing students with an online copy of the yearbook if they buy a hard copy and also providing seniors with a free copy of the yearbook if they pay the sit-in fee to get their senior portraits taken. So far, Teitz says that the fall semester portrait session has brought in about the same amount of students as in years past. There will also be another senior portrait session in the spring semester.

For the first time, the paper that the yearbook is printed on is recycled, making it a certified "green" book, Teitz said.

This year the yearbook staff decided to put the entire

book in color, which meant that they had to make the pages smaller. So instead of the normal 9"x12," the book will be 8.5"x11."

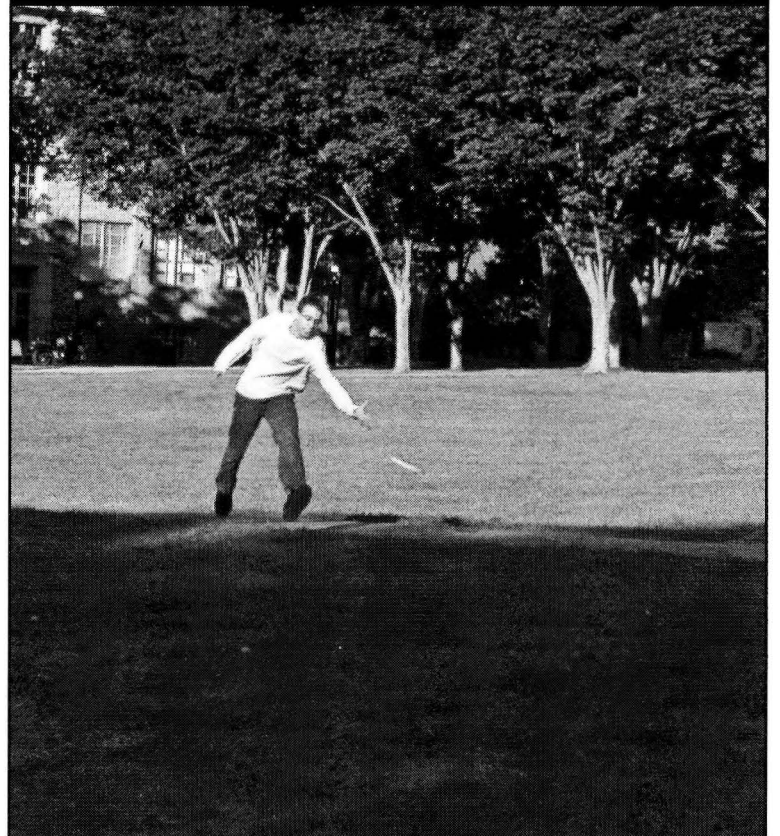
"Our theme this year is 'A Sketch in Time' so the cover will have a sketch on it and there will be sketches throughout the whole book," Teitz said.

He says that the yearbook is the only publication that documents the years at URI that isn't promotional in some way.

"We are documenting our history here at URI," Teitz said. "We still have the yearbooks from as far back as 1909 to see what was happening then."

To upload candid pictures from URI, visit www.replayit.com. Seniors who schedule a senior portrait session before Friday, Nov. 4, and pay the \$35 sit-in fee, will receive a free yearbook when it gets released in November 2012.

Rhody pic of the day



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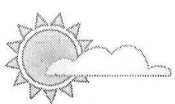
Students took advantage of the gorgeous November weather by enjoying a game of Frisbee on the Quadrangle yesterday.

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Meet one of URI's Coastal Fellows!

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CAMPUS

URI Coastal Fellow studies plant management principles

BY KIMBERLY DELANDE
Contributing News Reporter

This past summer, Coastal Fellow Kristie Saliba, a junior majoring in marine affairs, helped make Rhode Island a greener place by evaluating the Invasive Plant Management Certificate Program. This program, offered through the University of Rhode Island's Outreach Center, informs agricultural businesses on how to remove invasive plants, which are aggressive, non-native flora that disrupt natural habitats. Through Saliba's efforts, the program also instructs on how to install native plants, as well.

The Coastal Fellows is a program at URI that helps its members get involved with environmental internships and projects in Rhode Island. After applying to work on a project, the Coastal Fellow is paired up with a mentor that is knowledgeable in the project's field. This allows the fellow to have a reliable source of

aid and a partner to learn from throughout the completion of the project.

In order to measure how effective the plant management program was, Saliba crafted an online survey and administered it to agricultural professionals who work in either the public or business sector and had previously been trained under the URI program.

According to Saliba, the survey respondents answered questions related to invasive plant management principles. The feedback from the surveys showed that many of the respondents thought that providing information on how to install native plants into their landscapes would be a useful tool, as well.

"In response to this feedback, the 'Native Plant System Booklet' was created," Saliba said. "Basically, it provides the information needed to provide habitat for wildlife on residential lots."

The hardest part of this project, Saliba said, was learning basic botany in a short amount of time. Saliba started this project without any previous experience in handling plant, and was given less than a month to learn basic elements of botany, such as the structure of plant life, and how elemental factors effect plant growth. For Saliba, the most difficult aspect of learning botany was memorizing the scientific names for Rhode Island plants, and the names of the invasive plants listed in her booklet.

"After being exposed to these plants for the past six months, I can walk around campus, point, and say, 'That's a coneflower!'" Saliba said. "Being able to do that is such a cool feeling."

Saliba's mentor, Kate Venturri, played a big role in her success with this project. Venturri, a URI graduate with a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture and a mas-

ter's degree in marine affairs, was able to use her background with plants to help Saliba memorize scientific plant names. She also helped Saliba better her skills as a scientific writer by going over her work and showing her where improvements could be made.

"I can't thank [Venturri] enough," Saliba said. "I wanted to impress [her] and show her that she made the right decision by choosing me as her Coastal Fellow."

This project, however, was not Saliba's first time working with the Coastal Fellows program. Saliba is also enrolled in a course specifically for students in this program, which teaches Coastal Fellows how to create a professional scientific poster. The program, Saliba said, also gives its members information on how to prepare for graduate school and how to create resumes and cover letters.

"Any marine affairs major

that would like to get hands-on experience or lab experience should definitely consider applying for the program," Saliba said. "It's the best decision I've made in college thus far!"

According to Saliba, taking part in this project has only solidified her passion for the environment. Working with the Outreach Center over the summer has not only introduced her to how working in an office setting would be like, but it also allowed her to get out of her comfort zone by working with plants instead of marine life. She was also able to work with agencies that promote environmental growth, which is something she has said she always wanted to do.

"Everyone I've worked with on this project had the same underlying goal," Saliba said. "We want to promote a more sustainable Rhode Island and a more sustainable planet."

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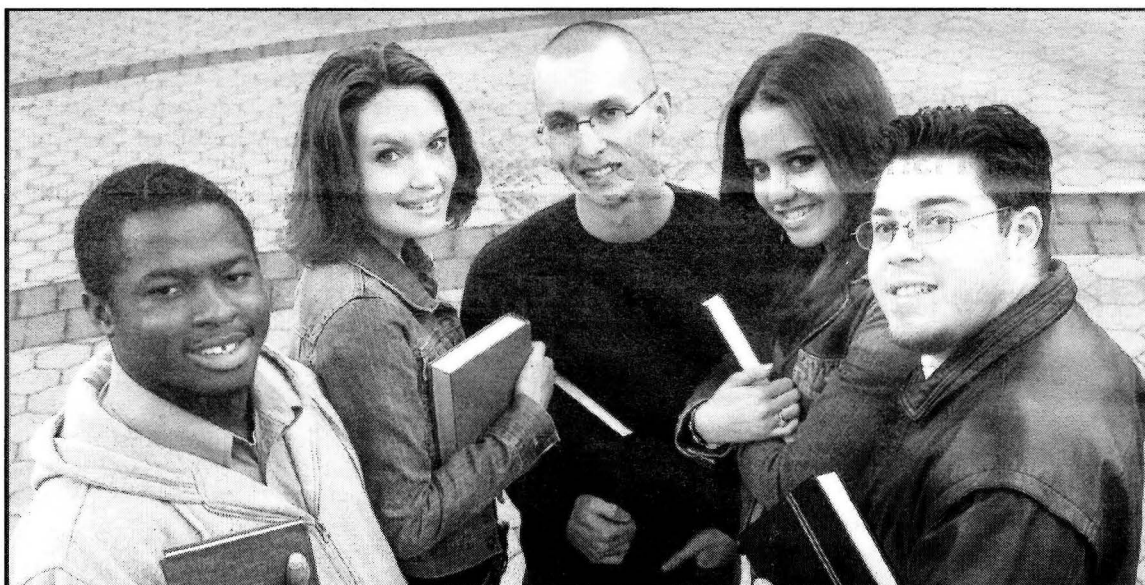
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Corrections & Clarifications

An article in yesterday's edition of the Cigar, "Motion to raise tuition amended by RI Board of Governors," by Lance San Soucci, incorrectly stated that the Rhode Island Board of Governors postponed voting on the tuition increase. The Board of Governors approved the tuition increase during Tuesday night's meeting, which will increase tuition for University of Rhode Island in-state students by 9.5 percent and out-of-state students by 2 percent.

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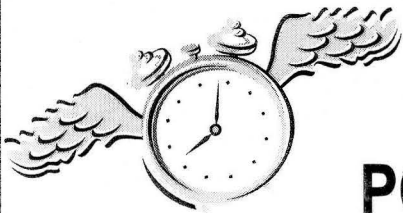
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Senate

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Coates said, coming from a student representative from CCRI. Coates said the board "reluctantly" voted yes to the increase.

Coates said it has been at least 10 years in a row that tuition has increased.

"I heard some people mention, 'It's not that bad,'" Coates said. "But I [want to] remind you that it's been 10 years straight [of] tuition increases."

"The next step is the state house," External Affairs Chairman Derek Troiano said.

Troiano said he is going to be working on getting "busloads of students" to "do whatever they can" to help voice their opinions. There is no date set on when the trip to the state house will be made, but Coates said the trip will have to coincide with the 2012-2013 budget meeting, which will be in either December or January.

The senate has also created a petition that students can sign, expressing their desire for Gov. Lincoln Chafee to increase funding for higher education. Coates said higher education only gets 4.7 percent of the state's budget, making Rhode Island 46th in the nation for support per capita in the United States.

"State priorities are not toward tuition," Coates said.

The petition to go to the governor, according to Troiano, has more than 1,000 signatures and Coates plans to have "as many people as possible" sign it.

During the external

affairs committee's Commuter Appreciation Week events, they asked students to sign the petition. Along with the petition, there was a large sign laden with signatures of people who signed the petition.

It was requested that another sign be made because the first sign was full of signatures and there wasn't any room left for more students to sign.

This morning, Coates was on WPRO 630 AM and 99.7 FM expressing his opinion on the tuition hikes. In addition to his segment on the radio and the bus trip, Coates plans to "draft another round of [personalized] letters" for the Board of Governors.

"Anyone who is involved will be getting a personal letter [from me]," Coates said.

In other news:

- The Student Senate has elected Molly Smith, Ross Connolly, Derek Murphy, Michael Kirejczyk and Teira Perry as new off-campus representatives.

- The Student Senate has elected Robert Balikov as a new college of engineering representative.

- The Student Senate has elected Amanda Studley as a new bylaws committee member.

- The Student Senate has elected Ethan Zawatsky as a new University College representative.

- The Student Senate has elected Robert Nielson as a new on-campus representative.

- The Student Senate has granted the Muslim Students Association \$1,570 to fund their Nov. 18 Eid Banquet.

Commuter

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cle course, many of them signed the Student Senate's petition to increase funding for education, which it plans on presenting to Gov. Lincoln Chafee.

"Come sign our petition to lower tuition," could be heard coming from the quad.

"It's going really well so far," Labate said. "We're getting a lot of students to come sign the petition as well. So far it's proven to be really successful."

Labate said the idea for the petition came from Student Senate President David Coates. She said the last-minute addition to the week was to help show the number of students who don't approve of the Rhode Island Board of Governors decision to increase higher education tuition.

"[It's] great to get student feedback on [the] tuition increase," Jones said. "[It gives students a] chance to sign the petition and further discuss it [with us]."

URI junior Rebecca Allamay, one of the many to sign the petition, said even though this was her first physical activity in a "really long time" she won her race and had fun. "It attracts attention," Allamay said.

"We were thinking of doing another [Commuter Appreciation Week] in the spring semester," Labate said. "We will probably try to continue this for years to come. It's proven to be successful."

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

Make it count

During your first day of freshman orientation, the University of Rhode Island might seem like an incredibly daunting place—a wide campus with a variety of activities available for students, it might seem like finding a comfortable niche will be nearly impossible. However, while that first day learning the Rhody fight song might feel overwhelming, before you know it you'll be walking the stage on the Quadrangle receiving your diploma.

No matter what year track students are on, time at URI goes by faster than anyone could anticipate as a freshman. As such, it's important to make every semester count.

For some students, that means finding something at URI that makes them shine and sticking with it. For example, students in the Ram marching band can look back at more than their photos or contributions in the yearbook, and more than credits that helped bring them to graduation. Rather, they created a legacy in their respective group—just as is the case for many student groups.

Starting out as a freshman and sticking with your passions throughout your career at URI can help you start from that shy club member at the first meeting to the group's president. Moreover, it gives you the opportunity to give back and help shape URI in an amazing way. Every student group contributes to the campus environment—by creating a legacy with your own involvement, you can create a legacy for your group, as well.

For others, making it count means taking classes that challenge them to think outside of their respective majors. It means rethinking what you've always known you've wanted to do in favor of taking a shot at something you've never tried. Students should look beyond their course schedules for opportunities through the university and beyond that expand their resumes and enrich their college experiences.

Before many students know it, they're going from the lost freshman on campus to filing their intent to graduate forms. Don't let those years pass you by with nothing more than a degree in hand. URI has so much more to offer that will help students leave as more dynamic individuals than when they began. Take advantage of all the university has to offer.

Students join Matty Fund's efforts to spread epilepsy awareness

To the Cigar,

The University of Rhode Island is once again "going purple" and showcasing its talent! For the fourth year the URI's College of Business Administration and the Feinstein Center for Service Learning have teamed up with the Matty Fund to increase epilepsy awareness among college students.

On Nov. 3, URI students and community members will gather in Edwards Auditorium to show their support. Starting at 6:30 p.m., 13 amazing acts will grace the stage for Rhody's Got Talent in hopes of winning an iPad 2, round trip airfare on Southwest Airlines among other prizes.

URI's freshmen business students helped to raise awareness and collect dona-

tions through the personal and group selling of wristbands, T-shirts, show tickets and raffle tickets.

The Matty Fund Executive Director Richard Siravo, commented that throughout the years URI students and faculty of the university have shown strong support for the foundation and its mission.

"URI has been a major resource and contributor to the Matty Fund helping to spread the word about epilepsy," Siravo said.

The talent show will include musicians, magicians, dancers and comedians who are currently enrolled at the university. All proceeds from the show will benefit the Matty Fund. Tickets for the show can be purchased for \$5, wristbands for \$2, awareness T-shirts for \$7 and raffle tick-

ets for \$1.

The Matty Fund is a non-profit charitable organization established in honor of Matthew Siravo, a 5 year-old boy who had epilepsy and lost his life.

The foundation's mission is to provide support and resources for children and families living with epilepsy, as well as encouraging epilepsy awareness, providing research initiatives, college and summer camp sponsorships.

For more information visit the Matty Fund at 10 High Street, Suite A in Wakefield, call (401) 789-7330 or email MattyFund@cox.net

Sincerely,

Liz Oliva & Hayley Frier

'Think green' with the Cigar's sustainability series

BY HILLARY BRADY
Editor-in-Chief

The Cigar is excited to announce the beginning of its sustainability series, a collection of stories running through the month of November that will highlight research and initiatives on campus promoting environmental consciousness.

At a university as diverse as URI, there is a breadth of interesting and high-impact research going on in a variety of academic disciplines. Every day, students, faculty and staff alike are doing research that not only helps create change at URI, but makes headlines worldwide. A huge part of the university's role as a public research institution is helping students and faculty make their questions, dreams and concerns a reality—turning big ideas into concrete findings.

One of the most prevalent concerns of that research, and one area that URI excels greatly

in, is focused on the environ. With a main campus that sits right on the water (and with the Alton Jones campus right on the water!) we're a university that has major ties to the environment. As such, it has become a strong asset to the university and a major thread in its endeavors and initiatives.

The university's mission in sustainability, however, reaches the community as a whole, aiming to get the campus "engaged in the pursuit of practices and principles toward a sustainable economy, a healthy ecosystem and an environmentally just society," according to the URI website.

URI was one of the first higher institutions to join the American College and University President's Climate Commitment among other big strides toward creating a more environmentally friendly campus. From the instillation of a Campus Sustainability Officer,

to the creation of the President's Council on Sustainability, to creating a minor in sustainability, URI is getting involved in a big way.

So, this month come "think green," with the Cigar. Start by meeting one of URI's student Coastal Fellows, Kristie Saliba, in today's issue. Throughout this month, meet researchers who are at the forefront of creating tomorrow's environmental policies and technologies. Learn about how the campus is making strides toward sustainability through construction and energy policies. Think twice about where your garbage and recycling goes by finding out what happens after you toss it in a bin on your way to class. Meet students who are helping make the world a "greener" place, in big and small ways, every day.

Then, start thinking "green." You'll be glad you did.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

New music venue opens, brings intimate performance atmosphere

BY JOSHUA AROMIN
Entertainment Editor

"You're going to Olneyville...by yourself? Is it safe to go there at night?" my mother asked me wearily on Tuesday night as I was on my way out of the house en route to Fête, the newest music venue in Rhode Island.

"Yes," I answered, annoyed that my mom was being a mom as I was just trying to get out of the house. (That's the biggest problem with still living at home: mom still needs to know EVERYTHING).

Opening about a month ago, according to one of the bartenders, Fête is a new

music venue that offers an alternative to Lupo's and the Met. When the Met, located in Pawtucket's Hope Artiste Village, first opened I thought it would be the perfect venue to bring lesser known artists with smaller, more intimate shows to Rhode Island. As true as that was, Fête has officially taken that small intimacy to another level.

Olneyville doesn't really have the best reputation among Rhode Islanders (see mom's apprehension) and is most known for its hot wieners, but without a single ounce of hyperbole, Fête is going to make Olneyville known for something other than greasy comfort food.

Rather, it is the performers who appear on one of Fête's two stages who will make the small town known.

The lounge stage, which was the space being used when I attended, is placed in a modestly-sized room located very close to the bar and may someday be the launching point of some famous musical act. Perhaps it'll be Ana Mallozzi, Allison Weiss or Bess Rogers, the three acts that happened to be playing the night I was there. This could easily be the venue where avid fans of some super group reminisce and say, "Remember when so-and-so played at Fête?"

Complete with a light-up

board that looks like a giant subway map and a beautiful circular mosaic with a skull in the center, Fête is a place that's different from what Rhode Island already has. In baseball terms, it's like Fête is AA, the Met is AAA and Lupo's is the major league-in the Rhode Island scale of course.

The crowd on Tuesday wasn't very impressive, if your judgment is based on quantity; but, given that it was the beginning of the week, that was expected. This audience was based more on friends and word of mouth than fans that have independently discovered the music being performed. Honestly,

that's not necessarily a bad thing.

In addition to the venue's size, the décor is wonderful and the drink menu is comparable to Providence's restaurant scene, complete with a full cocktail menu and a more-than-solid beer menu. Fête is the newest place to catch music in Providence, but it seems like it could have been there forever. Complete with snazzy décor, good beer and musical acts that might not usually play in Rhode Island, Fête is a fun time for every night of the week, even Tuesday.

'Potter' does a little magic for Time Warner revenue

NEW YORK (AP) — A little magic from Harry Potter lifted Time Warner's third-quarter earnings sharply on Wednesday, as the final movie about the boy wizard's adventures led to record results at the media conglomerate's film division.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" has made \$1.3 billion in ticket revenues worldwide since its July debut, and the home video release on Nov. 11 will likely be one of the biggest of the year.

Combined with Time Warner's syndication of the TV show "Big Bang Theory," the movie drove Warner Bros. to its strongest quarter ever, said John Martin, Time Warner's finance chief, in a conference call. Besides Warner Bros., Time Warner owns HBO, CNN, Time and People magazines and a slew of other media properties.

Although the results surpassed Wall Street's expectations, investors sent Time Warner's stock down more than 2 percent Wednesday amid a broader market uptick. Equity analyst Tuna Amobi with S&P Capital IQ said investors may be concerned that it was Time Warner's film division, and not its cable networks business, that carried the quarter.

"Any time you have the film studio driving results, it's not a comfortable trend on Wall Street," he said. "It's a volatile business and it can just as much go south the next quarter."

The success of the "Harry Potter" blockbuster may have already been priced into Time Warner's stock price. That said, Amobi called the stock's retreat a buying opportunity and said investors might be overlooking what's expected to be an "extremely strong" fourth quarter.

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Time Warner Inc. posted net income of \$822 million, or 78 cents per share in the July-September period, up 57 percent from \$522 million, or 46 cents per share, a year earlier. Adjusted earnings were 79 cents per share.

Revenue rose 11 percent to \$7.07 billion from \$6.38 billion. Time Warner said this was the highest quarterly growth rate since the third quarter of 2007.

Analysts had expected slightly lower adjusted earnings of 75 cents per share on revenue of \$6.97 billion, according to FactSet.

CEO Jeff Bewkes called the quarter "terrific" and said the results show that the company's focus on investing in "great content" and ways to deliver it is paying off. The company lifted its guidance for the full year, though it did not give specific

numbers.

Time Warner, which is based in New York, said it expects its full-year adjusted earnings to rise by a percentage in the high-teens from \$2.41 per share in 2010. In August, the company said adjusted earnings for the year should grow by "at least low teens."

Analysts are predicting \$2.78 a share, an increase of 15 percent.

Time Warner's filmed entertainment segment, Warner Bros., accounted for \$3.3 billion of the quarter's revenue — an increase of 19 percent thanks to "Harry Potter" and higher TV license fees.

Time Warner's networks segment, which includes HBO, CNN, TBS and other channels, saw its revenue grow 7 percent to \$3.21 billion, helped by both higher subscription and higher advertising revenue.

Kardashian apologizes for marriage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kim Kardashian says she never meant to hurt anyone by ending her marriage after just 72 days.

The 31-year-old reality star posted a message to her fans on her website Tuesday, one day after filing for divorce from Kris Humphries, whom she married in a lavish ceremony that aired as a two-hour TV special on E!

Kardashian says that while she "married for love" and "would not have spent so much time on something just for a TV show," she admits that she "got caught up with the hoopla and the filming of the TV show."

"When I probably should have ended my relationship, I didn't know how to and I didn't want to disappoint a lot of people," she writes.

Kardashian says she takes "full responsibility for my actions and decisions," adding "it just didn't turn out to be the fairy tale I had so badly hoped for."

"I want a family and babies and a real life so badly that maybe I rushed into something too soon," she says.

Kardashian and Humphries dated for nine months before marrying in August.

She goes on to say that reports that she made millions of dollars off the wedding "are simply not true and it makes me so sad to have to even clarify this." Twitter and Facebook were filled with anti-Kardashian sentiments on Tuesday, including some photos that were reposted thousands of times.



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URI marching band offers optional course credits for students, multiple outlets for musical performances

BY GUS CANTWELL
News Reporter

Students watching the University of Rhode Island's marching band performances may not realize that the time and work band members put in behind the scenes includes an option for earning graduation credits.

Students can receive up to two credits for their work, marching band director Brian Cardany said. He believes the members deserve the credits they earn, as students can spend as many as 15 hours working on the course each week.

"The schedule makes it difficult for many members to simultaneously maintain a paid job," he explained, adding that the students should be compensated to some degree for their hard work.

The main purpose of the marching band is to give half-time shows for each of URI's home football games, requiring the students to memorize three tunes, along with separate marching drills for each.

"Our goal is to provide a different show at each game," marching band director Brian Cardany said.

Many students in the band see the credits as a bonus, but not the main reason for taking the course.

"I have learned time management and self discipline," Principe said. "I also love the feeling of accomplishment when our show looks and



The University of Rhode Island marching band performs the URI fight song, while senior Zach Friedland conducts, after a win at Meade Stadium.

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sounds great on game day."

Tetreault agreed, saying she feels a sense of community during band season. She believes the teamwork she has developed over the years will help her in her career.

She has no qualms about taking the course without earning credit, she said.

"If it's really something you want to do you don't really think about it," she said.

However, he feels most students in the band participate for the experience more than just graduation credit.

"They are in the marching band because they enjoy the activity and because it is a

great way to be involved in the URI culture," he said. "It also provides experiences and possible leadership opportunities that are valuable for the education and development of every member."

He added that many students choose not to earn credit for their work due to a full course load.

Clarinet section leader Jennifer Principe, a communications major, went to band camp before the start of her freshman year and has been in the band every year since.

"I figured it would be a good way to meet people at the university, before even

starting classes," she said.

Mary Tetreault, a senior Animal Management major, plays the clarinet in the band. She has also been involved since her freshman year, but she decided not to take the class for credit this semester.

"I have a class conflict that prevented me from signing up for the class," she explained.

She had been involved with her high school's marching band and her orientation leader talked at length about similar opportunities at URI.

"It actually ended up being the deciding factor when I was making the final decision on where to go to

school," she said.

Cardany said band members attend a week-long band camp before the start of the fall semester, which runs 12 hours a day for five days "to develop marching and playing fundamentals and learn our pre-game and first halftime shows."

There are six hours of practice weekly and band members perform 10 to 12 times during the fall semester.

"Each home [football] game is about an eight hour commitment on Saturdays," Cardany said.

Cardany explained more than two-thirds of students involved with the band are not music majors, adding, "The band is a cross-section of the university community."

The marching band plays at other venues aside from sporting events, including pep rallies, donor brunches, local parades and shows at the University's president's house.

Cardany feels the university has often overlooked the importance of the band by offering insufficient funds and scholarships.

"Many schools provide financial compensation for marching band, although I am sure that would never happen at URI," he said. "The program has historically been underfunded for its basic needs, so I am fairly certain that something additional like scholarship support would never be strongly considered."

Yahoo hopes to reach readers with iPad

SUNNYVALE, Calif. (AP) — Yahoo has begun to distribute an iPad magazine that illuminates the Internet company's ambitions and the chronic hiccups that have thrown its fate into doubt.

The free magazine, called Livestand, has intriguing potential because its software can be customized to pull a deep pool of content from Yahoo's website and other participating publishers to cater to each user's interests.

But the magazine didn't arrive until Wednesday, well behind Yahoo Inc.'s own timetable for the product and 19 months after Apple Inc. began selling the iPad.

Since its launch last year, the iPad has thrust tablet computers onto the cutting edge of both technology and media.

Yahoo is counting on Livestand to keep its brand and services relevant as more people embrace the iPad and other mobile devices to consume digital content. The

company also hopes that the magazine's customization tools make it easier to determine what each reader likes so advertisers can target their messages at people mostly likely to buy their products.

Yet Yahoo's delays in seizing such opportunities have been a recurring problem during the past decade. A combination of hubris, bureaucracy and poor decision-making caused Yahoo to react too slowly to threats posed by Google Inc. in Internet search and Facebook in social networking. That has left Yahoo badly weakened in two key markets.

Those setbacks are the main reasons Yahoo has been mired in a financial funk during a five-year stretch that saw the company go through three different CEOs who were unable to engineer a turnaround. Yahoo's board has been reviewing whether to sell all or parts of the company since firing Silicon Valley vet-

eran Carol Bartz as CEO nearly two months ago.

If Yahoo remains independent, Livestand may become a key piece of Yahoo's latest comeback attempt.

It represents Yahoo's first major step toward building products primarily aimed at mobile devices before adapting them for desktop computers.

Besides drawing upon Yahoo's own content, Livestand chooses material from ABC, Forbes magazine, Parenting magazine and an assortment of publications devoted to sports and hobbies. Publishers will be offered a chance to sell subscriptions through Livestand next year.

Livestand "is sort of a reimagining of what Yahoo can be," Blake Irving, Yahoo's chief product officer, told reporters after he unveiled the magazine at the company's Sunnyvale headquarters.

Appeals court sides with CBS

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In the latest court battle over the steamy 2004 Super Bowl halftime show, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday that CBS should not be fined \$550,000 for Janet Jackson's infamous "wardrobe malfunction."

The 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals held its ground even after the U.S. Supreme Court ordered a review in light of the high court's ruling in a related Fox television case. In that case, it said the Federal Communications Commission could threaten fines over the use of even a single curse word uttered on live TV.

But Circuit Judge Marjorie Rendell said the Fox case only "fortifies our opinion" that the FCC was wrong to fine CBS over the halftime show.

The three-judge panel reviewed three decades of FCC rulings and concluded the agency was changing its policy, without warning, by fining

CBS for fleeting nudity.

"An agency may not apply a policy to penalize conduct that occurred before the policy was announced," Rendell wrote.

CBS argues that the FCC had previously applied the same decency standards to words and images — and excused fleeting instances of both.

Rendell said that long-standing policy appeared to change without notice in March 2004 — a month after the act at the Super Bowl, held in Houston.

The ruling involved rock star Bono's use of profanity on the Golden Globe Awards show the prior year. An FCC enforcement bureau had called it a fleeting, non-sexual utterance and declined to issue a fine. The full commission reversed the ruling in March 2004 but declined to issue a fine.

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Arrests

-Two students were arrested after marijuana was found in a dorm room of the Dorr residence hall during a routine building fire inspection on Oct. 26, when several males were seen smoking on the room's balcony. Luis Moronta, 19, of 237 Orchard Street, White Plains N.Y., is not a resident of the room and was charged with possession of marijuana after police found several ounces of marijuana in his Fire Alert safe. Moronta appeared in Fourth District Court yesterday and pled not guilty. He was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance and is scheduled for pre-trial on Nov. 16.

The occupant of the room, Brian Albert Laverriere, 19, of 82 Concord Street, Portland, Maine, was charged with possession with intent to deliver. While he was not found using marijuana, upon his return to the dorm, police searched the room and found: several mason jars with marijuana and rolls of cash inside; a scale and several small baggies; a book, with the center cut out, containing a large amount of money, rolling paper and marijuana; a homemade smoking device; and a small vial containing a white substance. The marijuana totaled about two ounces and the cash totaled approximately \$1,800.

Laverriere was arraigned on Oct. 27 and pled not guilty. He was released on \$5,000 with surety, meaning he had to pay \$500 upfront. He has a screening date with the Attorney General's office on Nov. 22.

-A local high school student, William Allegretto, 18, of 354 South Peir Road, Narragansett, was charged with possession after he was caught smoking marijuana outside of the Memorial Union on the evening of Oct. 29. He appeared in Fourth District Court yesterday and plead not guilty. He was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance and has a pre-trial date of Nov. 16.

Burglary

-An attempted breaking and entering was reported in the East Farm office building on Monday

at around noon, when a window screen was found torn open at the latches. There was no entry into the building, no other damage and no suspects.

- A student falsely reported that his vehicle, parked in the Chafee lot, was broken into on Tuesday night. However, upon investigation, the student admitted lying to the police and said his car was actually broken into the night before in Narragansett.

The student has been referred to the Office of Student Life.

Complaint

- A female student and three male non-students were reported to be disruptive, swaggering and appeared drunk outside of the Fayerweather residence hall on Monday, Oct. 24. The three men were trespassed from the university and the student was referred to the Office of Student Life.

- A student reported that his debit card was accessed illegally and \$600 was missing from his account on Tuesday, Oct. 25. The incident is still under investigation.

Fire Alarm

- A graduate student, who was locked out of a room in Ballentine hall on Sunday, pulled the fire alarm in what he said was an attempt to get back inside. He has been referred to the Office of Student Life.

Larceny

- An unlocked mountain bike, valued at \$700, was stolen from the basement of the Chi Phi fraternity house. The bike, which was parked in the basement on Oct. 14, was noticed missing on Oct. 20 and was reported stolen Oct. 24. The basement was locked with a combination lock and there was no sign of forced entry. There are no suspects.

- The House Director of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority house reported that two parking signs, each valued at around \$20, were stolen from the parking area in front of the house on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at around 9 a.m. There are

no suspects.

- A student reported her iPhone 4, valued at \$200, was stolen in Hope Commons on Wednesday, Oct. 26. There are no suspects.

- A student reported that her wallet was taken from the women's bathroom in Hope Commons this past Thursday at around 7 p.m. Her wallet was returned to the student, but was missing approximately \$80 in cash and her driver's license. There are no suspects.

- Two laptops were reported missing from a room in the Fayerweather residence hall this past Friday at around 3 a.m. Two female students left a man who they did not know unattended in their room. Upon their return, the man—described as a Hispanic man with a tattoo on his right arm—was gone and their laptops, both Macs valued at \$1,200, were missing.

- Two students reported their laptops missing on Friday night at around 10 a.m. The students noticed their laptops were missing when they woke up and said their door was left locked. That night the laptops, both Dells, are valued at \$500 and \$1,300, respectively. There was no sign of forced entry and no suspects.

- A student reported that her iPhone 4, valued at \$200, was either stolen or lost in the hallway of the Adams residence hall on Sunday morning.

A student reported that her TomTom GPS and iPod cassette player attachment were taken from her car, parked in the Dairy lot on Sunday at around 11:30 p.m. There was no sign of forced entry and no suspects.

- A student reported her iPod and earbud headphones stolen, after it was left unattended on the wooden median in Hope Commons while she was getting something to eat on Tuesday night.

The iPod was valued at \$230, and a pair of pink "Skull Candy" ear buds was valued at \$60.

- A wallet was reported stolen from the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences on Tuesday night at around 7:30 p.m. The wallet contained several ID's, a debit card and around \$100 in cash. There are no suspects.

Smell of Marijuana

- During a fire inspection on Oct. 26, a student was found smoking marijuana in his room in the Merrow residence hall. Police found a glass pipe containing marijuana inside the room, along with several beers in the student's refrigerators. The student has been referred to the Office of Student Life for possession of marijuana and possession of alcohol by a minor.

Vandalism

- A student reported that the windshield of her 2008 Volkswagen, parked in the International Engineering Program house parking lot, was broken on Saturday morning. The damage is valued at around \$400 and there are no suspects.

- A student reported that the windshield of his 1991 Mercedes parked in the International Engineering Program lot, was broken, causing \$700 in damage, on Saturday night at around 9 p.m. There are no suspects.

- Five students, whose cars were parked behind one another in the Flagg Road lot, each reported that the right passenger side front window of their respective cars was broken on Sunday. One of the students reported that an iPod dock, an iPhone 3, a classic video iPod and a digital clock, totaling \$475, were stolen out of her 2000 Honda Accord. There are no suspects.

- A student reported that his Yamaha motorcycle, which was parked in front of the Gorham residence hall on Monday night at around 7 p.m., was tipped over. The mirror was bent in and the right rear taillight was broken, causing \$200 in damages. There are no suspects.

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Rhody SPORTS



The Bottom Line: URI basketball preview

BY MIKE ABELSON
Sports Staff Reporter

Last week someone asked me how I thought the men's basketball team would look this season.

After thinking about it for a while I just shrugged my shoulders and said I didn't know.

There are so many variables with the team this year that it was the only honest answer I could give. With six freshmen and a pair of transfers, this year's edition of the Rams will look drastically different from what the crowd is used to seeing.

Out are Delroy James and Marquis Jones, along with their 28 points a game, and in are Jon Holton, Andre Malone, Billy Baron, T.J. Buchanan, among others. With a turnover as big as this a lot of questions are raised.

With so many new players will chemistry be an issue?

With a dearth of players at point guard and center, who will step up?

Will this be a star driven team or a team by committee?

The certainties are few and far between, but one thing is assured- junior Nikola Malesevic and senior Orion Outerbridge will have to carry the team.

Malesevic is coming off a breakout year where he ranked in the top-20 nationally in three-point shooting and Outerbridge showed that he can be more than just a good bench player. His range and ability to get inside will make

him the go-to guy in the paint.

Senior Jamal Wilson will have to step up in a big way after losing a chunk of last season to a broken foot. He showed that he can put the ball on the floor, but he needs to be more consistent shooting the ball to become a top contributor.

Then there are the six freshmen players. Jon Holton, from Miami, comes in with the most hype. He's a strong forward who can do things anywhere inside the arc and could contribute right away. Dominique McKoy and Rayvon Harris should be in the rotation of big guards and small forwards.

This year's team is full of shooting guards and small forwards, but the center and point guard positions will get tricky.

Sophomore Blake Vedder will probably be expected to play significant minutes in the middle, but it remains to be seen if he can hold up to the physical Atlantic-10 Conference. Fellow sophomore Levan Shengelia is a machine inside, but he is just 12 months removed from a full knee reconstruction. He can definitely contribute as long as his knee is fully healed.

At the point, expect to see freshman Mike Powell get most of the minutes during the first semester because he's the only true point guard on the roster until Billy Baron becomes eligible for the Providence College game on Dec. 23.

The x-factor of this team could be junior transfer Andre Malone. The Atlanta native transferred in from Auburn University last semester and is the real deal. He averaged 11.7 points and 3.4 rebounds in 11 games for the Tigers and dropped 28 against Stanford University. He won't be eligible until the PC game, but look for him to make a big impact once he steps onto the floor in white and Keaney blue.

While the Rams are in a state of flux, the schedule allows them no breaks. Road games against George Mason University, Texas University, and Nebraska right out of the gate will test Rhody immediately and will put them in the national spotlight. The Texas game will be on ESPN and the Nebraska game will be on the Big Ten Network.

The Rams will also have one of their biggest home non-conference games in years when Virginia Tech comes to the Ryan Center on Dec. 7. PC, Temple University, Richmond University, and St. Bonaventure will also be coming to Kingston this year.

As far as a prediction, it could be anywhere from 16 to 23 wins depending on how the team jells and comes together. I think this year's team will have its moments and big wins, but I think it is one year away from challenging for an Atlantic-10 title.

Men's XC takes 12th in A-10 Championship race

BY NIKITA DUKE
Contributing Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island's men's cross country team had been locked in 13th place at the Atlantic-10 Championships for four years. However, this season they were able to move up one spot to snag a 12th place finish at the 2011 A-10 Championships held on Saturday at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The race, held in Charlotte, N.C., was senior captain Nathan Wigton's last race as a Ram. Wigton led the team with a 76th place finish, clocking a time of 26:34.6.

Although Wigton said he is a half-mile runner and this was a five-mile race, he believes Saturday was, "technically the best race [he has] ever run."

Junior Timothy Calcagni was the second Ram to cross the finish line, with a time of 26:45.3, resulting in an 88th place finish. Senior Michael Pezzullo came in right behind Calcagni in 89th place, clocking a time of 26:51.8.

Junior Corey Coogan came in 91st place for Rhody with an overall time of 26:55.7.

Sophomore Zachary Burkett came in 108th place, crossing the finish line in 27:44.2 and freshman Zachary Seites-Rundlett finished about 30 seconds behind him in 113th place with a time of 28:18.0.

Sophomore Samuel Weintraub rounded out the Rhody finishers with a 116th place finish, clocking a time of 29:00.6.

La Salle University junior Alfredo Santana took the top spot, winning the race and clocking a time of 24:18.0. Santana ultimately led the Explorers to their first place team finish, with Duquesne University finishing as the runner up. Santana was also awarded the A-10 Conference men's cross country "Most Outstanding Performer" award.

When asked on his thoughts of the future of Rhody men's cross country, captain Wigton said that the team is headed towards big improvements with some potential additional scholarship money and more intense training among other things. Wigton also touched on the depth of the team and how that, combined with their newly-focused and more serious attitude towards their potential, should help to lead them down a successful path.

"You can expect a lot of big things coming from the distance squad in track and cross country, Wigton said. "We're definitely starting to get a lot more serious in our workouts and everything. The mindset is that we're really starting to be competitors that people are going to have to start taking seriously."

Women's crew rows strong in regatta

BY JONATHAN SHIDELER
Contributing Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women's crew team competed in the 47th annual Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston last Sunday. The event was an eight-person rowing competition with 37 different women's teams competing.

The Rams finished 18th overall with a final time of 17:07.8. Rhody was just less than a minute behind the winner, the University of Virginia. It was a close field with little separation between teams.

Head coach Shelagh Donohoe didn't necessarily expect for her team to go out

and win, but she did want them to place competitively.

"We beat a lot of very, very competitive programs that in some cases we have not beat before," Donohoe said.

The fall season is a good stretch of competition for Rhody so it can improve as a team for the tougher spring season. Donohoe has her team focused on its strength and condition during the fall so it can be ready for those tough races in March and April, she said.

"Fall races are fun because they make the girls compete, but everything we do now is so we can be competitive in the spring," Donohoe said.

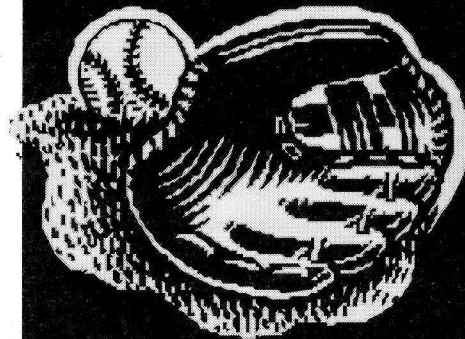
The Rams are coming off an Atlantic-10 Championship from last season that they expect to defend.

"As long as we can end the fall season in good condition and strong we should be very well prepared for the spring," Donohoe said.

The next event for the Rams is the Foot of the Charles on Nov. 12 in Boston. It is the last event of the fall season for Rhody.



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